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	4 4 6 3 7 5 5	08/07/84	Suzuki			
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	4 2 6 5 2 3 5	05/05/81	Fukunaga			
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AMR	2 1 3 9 1 1 0	08/15/83	Great Britain				
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	5 0 5 2 3 7 8	03/02/93	Japan				
	6 2 1 0 5 0	04/07/94	Europe				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

AMR	One page off the Perma Pure Inc. website of the product brochure #104 of the New PD™-Series Gas Dryers.
	Three pages off the SympaTex website of some of the most common questions that are asked and some technical data on the SympaTex membrane.
	United States Patent Application Publication No.: US2002/0195104, Published on December 26, 2002, Inventor Fini et al. entitled: APPARATUS FOR INCREASING THE HUMIDIFICATION OF THE AIR STREAM BREATHED BY A PATIENT
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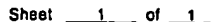
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	4	6	8	6	3	5	4	08/11/87	Makin				
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	4	7	9	1	9	6	3	12/20/88	Gronert et al.				
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AMR	WO	9	7	1	8	0	0	1	05/22/97	International			
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AMR	United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002978 Published on January 10, 2002 entitled Conduit With Heated Wick; Inventors Smith and Baldwin												
AMR	Australian Patent Application No. 200143823 Published on November 15, 2001 entitled Components for Breathing Circuits; Inventors Smith, Baldwin, Powell and Millar												
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	5	9	7	5	1	4	4	11/02/99	Akeda et al.			
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The graph shows two linear functions on a coordinate plane. The horizontal axis is labeled "Time (hours)" and the vertical axis is labeled "Distance (miles)".

- Line 1 (starting at the origin) passes through the points (0, 0), (5, 50), and (10, 100). Its equation is $y = 10x$.
- Line 2 (starting at 20 miles) passes through the points (0, 20), (5, 70), and (10, 100). Its equation is $y = 6x + 20$.

The two lines intersect at the point (8, 80), which represents the time and distance when the two vehicles meet.

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